

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2004:

### I. NON-PRIOR ART MATTERS

- A. The Office Action rejected claims 1-3, 6-9, 15-18, 20, 21, and 24-26 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter.

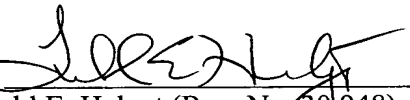
The amended claims are now allowable.

In regard to the rejection of claims 16 and 21, the term "a" in a patent claim is construed as "at least one," and therefore there is no ambiguity such as cited by the Office Action.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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